

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY	DOCKET NO. P-159
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ORDER ASSIGNING TO PRESIDING OFFICER

(Issued March 18, 2002)

On January 19, 2000, MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) filed a petition requesting that the Utilities Board (Board) renew pipeline Permit No. R877. The request for renewal has been identified as Docket No. P-159. Under Permit No. R877, MidAmerican was authorized to construct, operate, and maintain approximately 22.04 miles of four-inch diameter high-pressure pipeline operating at pressure of 651 pounds per square inch. The pipeline is located in Mahaska and Wapello Counties, Iowa, and serves Ottumwa, Iowa.

Board staff reviewed the request and notified MidAmerican of several deficiencies by letter dated January 25, 2000. MidAmerican filed a revised petition on February 14, 2000. An inspection report for the pipeline was filed by Board staff on June 28, 2001. The petitions and accompanying exhibits are now in order and the route has been inspected and a report filed.

Iowa Code section 479.7 (2001) requires the Board to set a hearing in a pipeline proceeding upon the filing of a petition. Since the petition is now in

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compliance with Board rules, the Board will assign the petition for renewal of pipeline Permit No. R877, Docket No. P-159, to a presiding officer.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

Docket No. P-159 is assigned to a presiding officer to establish a procedural schedule and exercise the authority provided in 199 IAC 7.1(4).

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Diane Munns

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 18th day of March, 2002.